Suicide cases in the country

2496. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian citizens commit suicide every year;

(b) what are the findings of National Crime Bureau with regard to suicides;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that population increases at a rate of 21 per cent, while the suicides increase at a rate of 6.2 per cent;

(d) what are the causes of suicides committed by our citizens, and -

(e) whether it is a fact that T.V. channels, films, multiplexes, malls and Market driven economy have created tension and depression, leading to suicides?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per information compiled by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 110851,113697 and 113914 persons committed suicides during 2003 to 2005 respectively in the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) The common causes of suicides are family problem, chronic illness, financial problem, marital disharmony, alcohol related problem, increased work pressure, failure in academics, unemployment etc. There is no scientific data available on causative effects of TV/films on suicides.

Rehabilitation of Tsunami victims

2497. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State and Union Territory-wise Central assistance granted so far for the relief and rehabilitation of victims of Tsunami in 2005;

(b) the extent to which Central funds have been utilized by the concerned State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations;

(c) the extent to which the work of relief and rehabilitation of Tsunami victims still remains to be accoplished; and